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REQUEST
FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/720,275
Filing Date	December 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	Fuhr
Group Art Unit	1753
Examiner Name	Mutschler, Brian L.
Attorney Docket Number	A33828 PCT USA

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 28, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed
i. Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4377
i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other Any additional charges under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.117

b. Check in the amount of \$ 790 & \$110 enclosed
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Bradly B. Geist	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	27,551
Signature		Date	December 6, 2004

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for FY 2005**

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$ 790)**Complete if Known**

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 Check Credit card Money Order Other None
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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee	
1004 790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 0)	

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20	= -20	x = 0
			-3	= -3	x = 0
					= 0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 0)

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet			
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification			
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month			
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month			
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month			
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month			
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal			
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing			
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional			
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
1502 490	2502 245	Design issue fee			
1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee			
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
1809 790	2809 395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))			
1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))			
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	790		

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 790)**SUBMITTED BY**

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